

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have dedicated a substantial amount of their time and energy to serving others in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Gerrie Brodeur has attained considerable distinction in Saint Charles County and its environs for her work in assisting individuals and families who struggle to overcome the effects of poverty and the often accompanying mental illnesses; and

Whereas, Gerrie Brodeur will be recognized as Volunteer of the Year on Saturday, February 28, 2004, by Wentzville's Crider Center for Mental Health at its "Heroes for Mental Health" event which will take place at The Columns Banquet Center in Saint Charles; and

Whereas, each year the Crider Center for Mental Health hosts a program to honor people such as Gerrie Brodeur and organizations involved in enhancing the mental health of Saint Charles County residents; and

Whereas, Gerrie Brodeur is a retired mathematics teacher who is well-known for her work in establishing and directing the Wentzville United Methodist Church's Adopt a Family Ministry which helps hundreds of Saint Charles County families have a real Christmas and which assists severely challenged families to meet such basic life needs as utilities, housing, and school supplies; and

Whereas, Gerrie Brodeur is the originator of BenNet, a computer network for nonprofits that helps track frequency and nature of assistance given to families by area organizations; manager of Grant Chapel Renovations; chair of the West Saint Charles County Housing Coalition; and Board member of the Mary and Martha Thrift Shop, Saint Charles County Community Empowerment in the West-End (CREW) program, and Wentzville Community Club:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the visionary work of Gerrie Brodeur on behalf of those dealing with economic and mental health issues and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon receiving Volunteer of the Year recognition from the Crider Center for Mental Health in Wentzville, Missouri; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Gerrie Brodeur.

Offered by Representative Scott T. Rupp, #13
Representative Sherman Parker, #12
Representative Joe Smith, #14
Representative Thomas S. Green, #15
Representative Carl Bearden, #16
Representative Vicki A. Schneider, #17
Representative Tom Dempsey, #18
Representative Cynthia Davis, #19
Representative Kevin Threlkeld, #109

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and

correct copy of House Resolution No. 733, adopted
February 24, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker